Sl. No.	Name of.. State/Union Territory	Name of State Capital	Name of SSA	Date of Last Directory Printed
25	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Jaipur	February,
26	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	Chennai	August, 2003
27	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	March, 2005
28	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	Lucknow	May, 2004
29	Uttaranchal	Dehradun	Dehradun	January, 2004
30	West Bengal	Kolkata	Kolkata	June, 2005
31	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok	April, 2003
32	Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	2000
33	Maharashtra	Mumbai	Mumbai	2001

Outcome of International Conference

1666. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the proceedings of the recent International conference on Science and Technology and Management held at Chandigarh, highlighting *inter-alia* that with the technology advancements taking place at a fast pace the information Technology Act, 2000 is not sufficient to deal with the growing cyber crimes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of other major conclusion/observations made at the Conference and action taken/proposed to be taken to review and update the enabling legal provisions to effectively control and counter the cyber crimes and other related criminal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) the 4th International Conference on Information Science, Technology and Management held at Chandigarh, stressed for a comprehensive legislation to deal with cyber crime.

Government had constituted an Expert Group to undertake in-depth review of issues relating to Information Technology Act, 2000. The

recommendations of the Expert Committee have been deliberated at length. The legislative provisions under Information Technology Act, 2000 related to cyber crime are being further strengthened. Some of the cyber crimes like 'Identity Theft', 'Cheating by Personation', Violation of privacy' which were not covered in the Information Technology Act, 2000 are now being proposed to be covered.

Waiting list of Telephone Applicants in Bihar

†1667. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the waiting list of the applicants desirous of having telephone connection is continuously increasing in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the applicant/consumer are unnecessarily harassed at the lower level in the instalation of the telephone connection and even after waiting for months/years they do not get telephone installation facility; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take for the speedy disposal of the waiting list, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) No, Sir. The waiting list of the applicants desirous of having telephone connection is decreasing in Bihar for the last three years as shown below:

As on	Waiting list in Numbers
31-03-2004	112465
31-03-2005	96871
31-03-2006	77500

(b) No, Sir. The question of harassment does not arise in this competitive environment.

(c) The following are few steps to clear the waiting list:

(i) BSNL has relaxed the norms for laying outdoor cables from 2.5.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.